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SUBJ: VISIT OF SUDANESE PRESIDENT NUMEIRY TO TUNISIA

1. PRESIDENT NUMEIRY OF SUDAN VISITED TUNISIA MAY 9 AND 10
IN COURSE OF HIS MISSION TO NUMBER OF ARAB CAPITALS SEEKING
TO RESTORE ARAB SOLIDARITY . DURING TWO-DAY STAY, HE MET
WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA AND
SPECIAL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT, HABIB BOURGIBA, JR.

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2. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THERE WAS
NOTHING SURPRISING IN NUMEIRY'S MESSAGE. HE APPEALED FOR
ARAB SOLIDARITY AND SOUGHT TUNISIAN SUPPORT FOR EARLY
CONVOCATION OF ARAB SUMMIT. FOREIGN MINISTRY PRIVATELY
DESCRIBED NUMEIRY'S MISSION AS "AN IMPOSSIBLE ONE."
TUNISIAN RESPONSE WAS THAT NEW STEPS CLEARLY NEEDED TO
BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT RECOGNITION. ONLY CONDITION FOR

TUNISIAN PARTICIPATION IN HOPED FOR SUMMIT WAS THAT ALL
ARAB COUNTRIES MUST PARTICIPATE, TUNISIA WOULD
ABSTAIN FROM ANY PARTIAL SUMMIT TENDING TO PIT ONE ARAB
FACTION AGAINST ANOTHER. ALTHOUGH TUNISIANS CLEARLY HAVE
RESERVATIONS ABOUT POSITIVE RESULTS OF NUMEIRY'S
INITIATIVES, HE WAS ACCORDED HIGHEST HONORS AND VIP
HOSPITALITY. MULCAHY

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